

{ ONE DOLLAR PER ANNUM,
{ INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE.

NO. 39.

Amendment to School Law.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the organization, support and government of Common Schools in the State of Missouri," approved December 12, 1855.

Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

§ 1. That the ninth sub-division of section four, in article five, in the above recited act, is hereby altered and amended so as to require the Trustees of Districts to make their reports, required by said sub-division or, before the last day of December in

§ 2. The thirty-fifth section of article two of the act of which this act is amendatory is hereby so altered and amended as to require the several County Treasurers to make their annual reports on the first Saturday in December in each year, instead of the first day of October.

§ 3. The ninth sub-division of the fifth section of article three is hereby so amended as to require the reports from County School Commissioners to be made on or before the first day of February annually, instead of the first day of December.

§ 4. The tenth section of article four is hereby so amended as to require the Trustees to make the annual report required by said section to the Commissioner of Com-

§ 5. Whenever a vacancy occurs from any cause in the Board of Trustees of any school district, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Common Schools of the county to appoint a suitable person to fill such vacancy, who shall serve until the next general election for Trustees,

§ 6. So much of the act of which this act is amendatory, as is inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

from and after its passage.
Approved March 2, 1857.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT COMMON
SCHOOLS,
City of Jefferson, May 10, 1857.

SIR: The above amendments to our Com-
mon School law, passed at the last session
of the Legislature, change the law of 1855
as follows:

§ 1. Trustees shall report to County

§ 3. County Commissioner shall report to State Superintendent on or before the first day of February in each year.

§ 5. When a vacancy occurs in the Board of Trustees, it shall be filled by a appointment by County Commissioner.

The County Commissioner will confer favor by distributing a copy of the above to each Trustee in his county. Should the number sent be insufficient for that purpose the deficiency will be supplied at this office.

Very respectfully,
W. B. STARKE, Supt.

"I was told to-day a story so touching in reference to this that you must let me tell it. It is a temperance case, but it will illustrate this just as well. It is the story of a mother, on the green hills of Vermont; hidden by the right hand a son, sixteen years of age, mad with the love of the sea. And, as we stood by the garden gate a sunny morning she said; 'Edward, they tell me—for I never saw the ocean—that the great temptation of the seaman's life is drink. For

hiss me, before you quit your mother's hand, that you will never drink." A said he (for he told me the story.) I gave her the promise, and I went the broad way over—Calcutta, the Mediterranean, St. Francis, the Cape of Good Hope, the North Pole and the South—I saw them in forty years, and I never saw a glass filled with sparkling liquor that *my* mother's form by the garden gate, on the green hillside of Vermont, did not rise before me and to-day, at sixty, my lips are innocent of the taste of liquor. (Applause.) Was it that sweet evidence of the power of a

said he, yesterday there came into the counting room, a young man of forty, asked me—"Do you know me?" "No," "Well I was once brought drunk in your presence on shipboard; you were passenger: the captain kicked me ash-

you took me to your berth and kept me with
till I had slept off the intoxication, then you
asked me if I had a mother; I said I never
knew a word from her lips; you told me
years at the garden; gate, and to-day I
the master of one of the finest packets
New York, and I come to ask you to
and see me." How far that little can
throws its beams! Oh, God be thanked
the almighty power of a single word: